

EDGAR FREEMAN.

[ *To accompany bill H. R. No. 288.* ]

JANUARY 19, 1832.

Mr. BURGESS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following  
**REPORT:**

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the petition of  
Edgar Freeman, report:*

That Edgar Freeman entered into the naval service of the United States, August 11th, 1811, as a midshipman; October 12th, 1816, was appointed acting lieutenant; March 5th, 1817, was commissioned lieutenant; October 12th, 1816, was ordered to the United States' brig Chippewa, commanded by Captain Read. By the certificate of J. H. Gordon, acting surgeon on board said brig, dated, Turks' island, December 22d, 1816, it appears, that while on board the wreck of that brig (when cast away on one of the Caycos islands) endeavouring to save some provisions, in obedience to the orders of Captain Read, he received a severe contusion on his left leg which disabled him, and prevented his return with the officers and crew to New York; which facts are also sustained by the certificate of Captain Read. It also appears, from the attested certificate of Mathias Freeman and Lewis Drake, medical gentlemen of high respectability, that Lieutenant Edgar Freeman, has, from that time up, until the 26th April, 1830, labored under disability; and from the nature of the injury which he thus received, and under which he still labors, they, without hesitation, pronounce it to be a serious and permanent disability. On the 14th of November, 1828, said Freeman resigned his commission as lieutenant in the naval service of the United States.

The committee are of opinion that said petitioner is entitled to a pension as Lieutenant from the 14th day of November, 1828. And, therefore, beg leave to present a bill.

